THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) CBI seized Connaught Place Speed Post articles No. 2600 and 2601 dated 8.6.2001 booked as documents and destined for Hongkong on 9.6.2001 at Delhi RMS and found US dollars 25000 in each of them as per the seizure report of CBI furnished to the Department. No other case of transmission of US dollars by post has been reported either by customs or by CBI.

(b) Four outsiders namely S/Sh. Sujeet Singh Chopra, Harpal Singh Chopra, Ravel Singh Chopra and Daljeet Singh have been arrested.

(c) and (d) Speed Post articles booked for foreign destinations are required to be accompanied by a declaration regarding contents in a form prescribed by the customs. The procedure for examination of such articles which is done by the customs is reviewed regularly for achieving greater efficiency and every possible cooperation is extended by the Department of Posts in this regard.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

† 3820. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of air-strips in various parts of the country name-wise and State-wise ?

(b) whether there are any such air-strips which are not operational at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) State-wise list of Airports/Air-strips belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) is given in the Satement *(see* belowj

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The air-strips are non-operational due to poor traffic potential and non-availability of small aircraft with the airlines.

(d) Requests have been made to the State Governments to take over such airports for up-gradation and operational use. State Government of Maharashtra has taken over Sholapur and Kohlapur airports under lease agreement from AAI. No other State Government has shown any interest, so far.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise List of Airports/Air-strips maintained by Airports Authority of India

ANDHRA PRADESH : Cuddapah, Donakonda, Hyderabad, Nadirgul, Rajamundary, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Warrangal.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH: Along, Passighat, Tezu, Zero and Daparizo.

ASSAM: Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Lilabari, Rupsi, Silchar, Tezpur and Sheila.

BIHAR: Gaya, Jogbani, MuzzaflFarpur, Patna and Raxaul.

JHARKHAND: Chakulia and Ranchi.

GOA:Goa(Dabolim)

GUJRAT: Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Bhavnagar, Deesa, Jamnagar, Kandla, Keshod, Porbandar, Rajkot and Vadodara.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: Kangra, Kullu Manali and Shimla.

JAMMU & KASHMIR: Jammu, Leh and Srinagar.

KARNATAKA : Bangalore, Belgaum, Hassan, Hubli, Mangalore and Mysore.

KERALA: Calicut, Cochin and Trivandrum.

MADHYA PRADESH: Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Khandwa, Santa and Panna.

CHHATTISGARH: Bilaspsur and Raipur.

MAHARASHTRA: Akola, Aurangabad, Mumbai, Hadapsar, Juhu, Kollhapur, Nagpur, Sholapur and Pune.

MANIPUR :Impal.

MEGHALAYA: Shillong.

MIZORAM: Aizwal.

NAGALAND: Dimapur.

ORISSA: Bhubneshwar and Jharsuguda.

PUNJAB: Amritsar and Ludhiana.

RAJASTHAN: Bikaner, Jaipur, Jaiselmer, Jodhpur, Kota and Udaipur.

TAMIL NADU: Coimbatore, Chennai, Madura, Salem, Tirucharapalli, Tuticorin and Vellore.

TRIPURA: Agartala, Kailashahar, Kamalpur and Khowai.

UTTAR PRADESH : Agra, Allababad, Gorakhpur, Kanpur (Civil), Kanpur (Chakeri), Lalitpur, Lucknow, Varanasi and Jhansi.

UTTARANCHAL : Dehradun and Pant Nagar.

WEST BENGAL: Bagdora, Balurghat, Behala, Kolkata, Cooch Behar, Malda and Asansol.

DELHI: IGI Airport Palam and Safdarjung Airport.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR: Port Blair.

CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh.

LAKSHWADEEP: Agatti.

PONDICHERRY: Pondicherry.

New Airport at Devanhalli, Bangalore with private participation

3821. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleaded to states:

(a)whether the International Airport with private participation is likely to be set up at Devanhalli, Bangalore;

(b)whether the only bidder selected namely Siemens AG of Germany is facing problems at Government level for clearing the project;

(c)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d)by when the project is likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) to (d) : The Government has approved, in principle, the proposal of the State Government of Karnataka for construction of a new green-field international airport at Devanhalli, Bangalore under Joint Venture with private sector participation. The process of selection of Joint Venture Partner (JVP) has made substantial progress. State Government of Karnataka has nominated a Negotiation